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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BYNUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “CHIPS Child Care  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7       (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

9 (i) while participating in semiconductor-related workforce programs;

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11 (ii) in the case of an individual who is  
12 participating in, or has completed within  
13 the preceding 5-year period, an apprentice-  
14 ship program, while engaging in a con-  
15 struction project related to semiconductor  
16 manufacturing; or

17 (iii) while participating in pre-appren-  
18 ticeship programs with a demonstrated his-  
19 tory of successfully placing individuals in  
20 jobs or apprenticeships connected to con-  
21 struction projects related to semiconductor  
22 manufacturing; or

(B) assist eligible child care providers in regions receiving significant private and public investment related to semiconductor manufac-

1 turing to acquire, construct, renovate, or im-  
2 prove child care facilities, including to adapt,  
3 reconfigure, or expand such facilities.

12 (A) are geographically diverse; and  
13 (B) are receiving significant private and  
14 public investment related to semiconductor  
15 manufacturing.

16 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant under  
17 this Act, a State shall submit to the Secretary an applica-  
18 tion, in such form, at such time, and containing such in-  
19 formation as the Secretary may require, which shall in-  
20 clude the following:

23 (A) information regarding how the State  
24 intends to distribute monthly stipends in ac-  
25 cordance with subsection (c); and

### 14 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a  
16 grant under this Act shall—

17 (A) give priority in accordance with the re-  
18 quirements of paragraph (3); and

22 (i) select individuals to benefit from a  
23 monthly stipend who—

24 (I) have one or more dependent  
25 children; and

10 (3) PRIORITY.—A State shall prioritize—  
11 (A) in selecting individuals to benefit from  
12 a monthly stipend as described in subsection  
13 (a)(1)(A)—

14 (i) first generation college students;

15 (ii) graduates of historically Black col-

16 leges and universities;

17 (iii) residents of rural communities;

18 and

19 (i) . . . . .

20 (B) in selecting eligible child care providers  
21 to assist as described in subsection (a)(1)(B)—

22 (i) eligible child care providers pri-  
23 marily serving low-income populations;  
24 (ii) eligible child care providers pri-  
25 marily serving children who have not at-

tained the age of 5 years with a significant percentage of infants and toddlers enrolled;

3 (iii) eligible child care providers

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5 (I) are currently unable to serve  
6 young children, had to significantly  
7 reduce capacity, or are unable to serve  
8 more children, due to factors such as  
9 the inadequate condition, quality, or  
10 availability of facilities; or

11 (II) are seeking to build capacity  
12 and expand the number of children  
13 served:

14 (iv) eligible child care providers that  
15 operate under nontraditional hours; and

16 (v) eligible child care providers located  
17 in rural or underserved communities

18 (4) LABOR STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN  
19 GRANTS —

20 (A) All laborers and mechanics employed  
21 by contractors or subcontractors in the per-  
22 formance of construction, renovation, improve-  
23 ment, repair, alteration, adaptation, reconfig-  
24 uration, or expansion of child care facilities  
25 funded in whole or in part under this section

1           shall be paid wages at rates not less than those  
2           prevailing on projects of a character similar in  
3           the locality as determined by the Secretary of  
4           Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of  
5           chapter 31 of part A of subtitle II of title 40,  
6           United States Code (commonly referred to as  
7           the “Davis-Bacon Act”).

8           (B) The Secretary shall require that each  
9           entity, including grantees and subgrantees, that  
10          applies for a grant for constructing, renovating,  
11          or improving child care facilities, including  
12          adapting, reconfiguring, or expanding such fa-  
13          cilities, which is funded in whole or in part  
14          under this section, shall include in its applica-  
15          tion written assurance that all laborers and me-  
16          chanics employed by contractors or subcontrac-  
17          tors in the performance of construction, alter-  
18          nation or repair, as part of such project, shall  
19          be paid wages in accordance with paragraph  
20          (1). The Secretary shall not approve any such  
21          funding without first obtaining adequate assur-  
22          ance that required labor standards will be main-  
23          tained with respect to any such construction  
24          work.

7 (d) REPORTS BY STATES.—

16 (i) the individuals that benefitted  
17 from monthly stipends, including with re-  
18 spect to each such individual—

19 (I) the total number of months  
20 such stipends were provided to an eli-  
21 gible child care provider on behalf of  
22 the individual;

23 (II) the total amount provided by  
24 such stipends; and

1 (III) in the case of an individual  
2 enrolled in a semiconductor-related  
3 workforce program, the wage rate,  
4 benefits, stipends, or other compensa-  
5 tion provided to such individual—

6 (aa) while enrolled in such  
7 program; and

8 (bb) after exiting the pro-  
9 gram and beginning work in the  
10 industry of such program;

11 (ii) for each semiconductor-related  
12 workforce program for which the State  
13 provided stipends to eligible child care pro-  
14 viders on behalf of such individuals—

15 (I) the retention and completion  
16 rates for the individuals described in  
17 clause (i); and

18 (II) the retention and completion  
19 rates for the individuals not described  
20 in clause (i); and

21 (iii) the method the State used to dis-  
22 tribute the stipends to eligible child care  
23 providers;

24 (B) if the State used such grants to assist  
25 eligible child care providers as described in sub-

1           section (a)(1)(B), the effects of the grant in as-  
2           sisting eligible child care providers to construct,  
3           renovate, or improve child care facilities, and  
4           any effects on access to and quality of child  
5           care; and

6           (C) such other information as the Sec-  
7           retary may require.

8           (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—For each of the 3  
9           years after the date that a State submits the report  
10           under paragraph (1), the State shall submit to the  
11           Secretary a report on the retention and completion  
12           rates described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of such para-  
13           graph for the preceding year.

14           (3) DISAGGREGATION.—The information sub-  
15           mitted under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be  
16           disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender, except  
17           that such disaggregation shall not be required in the  
18           case in which the number of apprentices in a sub-  
19           group is insufficient to yield statistically reliable in-  
20           formation or the results would reveal personally  
21           identifiable information about an apprentice.

22           (e) REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—

23           (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
24           after the Secretary receives the last report under

1 subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit to Con-  
2 gress a report that summarizes—

3 (A) the effect monthly stipends described  
4 in subsection (a)(1)(A) had—

5 (i) on the semiconductor-related work-  
6 force program retention and completion  
7 rates of individuals who received monthly  
8 stipends; and

9 (ii) the wage rates and benefits re-  
10 ceived by such individuals after exiting a  
11 semiconductor-related workforce program;

12 (B) the methods the States used to dis-  
13 tribute such monthly stipends to eligible child  
14 care providers;

15 (C) any unanticipated effect or con-  
16 sequence on—

17 (i) individuals receiving the monthly  
18 stipend;

19 (ii) the sponsors of the semiconductor-  
20 related workforce programs; and

21 (iii) the local areas in which the indi-  
22 viduals who received a monthly stipend  
23 participated in such programs; and

1 (D) the effect of assistance provided to eligible child care providers as described in sub-  
2 section (a)(1)(B).  
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10 (3) DISAGGREGATION.—The information sub-  
11 mitted under paragraph (1)(A) shall be  
12 disaggregated in accordance with the disaggregation  
13 requirements of subsection (d)(2).

14 (f) STIPEND AMOUNTS EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL  
15 TAXATION.—Stipend amounts awarded under this Act  
16 may not be included in the gross income of the individual  
17 who benefitted from such stipend for purposes of the In-  
18 ternal Revenue Code of 1986.

19 (g) DISREGARD STIPEND AMOUNTS IN OTHER FED-  
20 ERAL PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
21 of law, a stipend distributed to an eligible child care pro-  
22 vider under this Act shall not be taken into account in  
23 determining the need or eligibility of the individual who  
24 benefitted from such stipend for benefits or assistance, or  
25 the amount of such benefits or assistance, under any Fed-

1 eral, State, or local program financed in whole or in part  
2 with Federal funds.

3 (h) SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT.—Any  
4 monthly stipend distributed to an eligible child care pro-  
5 vider on behalf of an individual under this Act shall sup-  
6 plement and not supplant the wages such individual earns  
7 while participating in a semiconductor-related workforce  
8 program.

9 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
11 appropriated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for  
12 each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

13 (2) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve  
14 1.5 percent of the funds appropriated under para-  
15 graph (1) for each fiscal year to carry out the study  
16 and report required by subsection (e).

17 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

18 (1) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term  
19 “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship  
20 program registered under the Act of August 16,  
21 1937 (commonly known as the “National Appren-  
22 ticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C.  
23 50 et seq.), including any requirement, standard, or  
24 rule promulgated under such Act.



1       er education (as defined in section 102 of the High-  
2       er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), non-  
3       profit entity (as defined in section 9901 of the Wil-  
4       liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-  
5       ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651),  
6       or local government in partnership with an entity  
7       that has received financial assistance through title  
8       XCIX of division H of such Act (15 U.S.C. 4651 et  
9       seq.) or a similar State program.

14 (8) WIOA TERMS.—The terms “local area” and  
15 “State” have the meaning given such terms in sec-  
16 tion 3 of the Worker Innovation and Opportunity  
17 Act (29 U.S.C. 3103).